

CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY

INFORMATION REPORT

This Document contains information affecting the National Defense of the United States, within the meaning of Title 18, Sections 793 and 794, of the U.S. Code, as amended. Its transmission or revelation of its contents to or receipt by an unauthorized person is prohibited by law. The reproduction of this form is prohibited.

25X1

SECRET

25X1

COUNTRY	Czechoslovakia	REPORT NO.	
SUBJECT	Komarno; Shipyards and Harbor	DATE DISTR.	26 June 1953
	25X1	NO. OF PAGES	6 25X1
DATE OF INFO.		REQUIREMENT NO.	
PLACE ACQUIRED		REFERENCES	

THE SOURCE EVALUATIONS IN THIS REPORT ARE DEFINITIVE.
THE APPRAISAL OF CONTENT IS TENTATIVE.
(FOR KEY SEE REVERSE)

25X1

New Skoda Shipyards

1. Construction of the new Skoda shipyards¹ at Komarno was started in 1948. They are being used for building river craft, chiefly for delivery to the USSR. They are located to the west of Komarno behind the old city wall, between the Danube River backwater and the road between Komarno and Bratislava. The shipyards occupy an area of about 25 hectares and are surrounded by a wire fence about 1.5 m. high. Its buildings are of reinforced concrete.
2. All raw materials needed by the shipyards are available in sufficient quantities. Iron is brought from the Vitkovice Klement Gottwald Iron Works, Vitkovice, or the United Steel Works, Kladno; carbide comes from the Sokolov Chemical Works, Sokolov, and timber from unknown sources. There are about 1,000 welding apparatuses in the yard. Electric current for these and for the cranes is supplied by the Komarno electric plant. There is a railroad spur leading to the yards from the main station in Komarno.
3. There are from 4,000 to 5,000 employees in the new Skoda shipyards; about 1,000 of them are women. Wages per hour for men are from 14 to 14.50 Kos. and for women from 12 to 12.50 Kos. One laborer is known to have averaged 1,080 Kos. per 14-day period. Morale is quite high, owing to the good wages. New workmen are sent to the new Skoda shipyards by the labor exchanges. Those who refuse to work there are sent to the mines. Employees are never sent out on bridge work; there is a workers brigade of unknown size working in the yards. No prisoners are employed.
4. Most workers live in their homes in the adjoining rural area, at distances up to 20 kilometers from Komarno. Some are accommodated in huts on the grounds of the yards and some clerks live in a hotel in Komarno.

25X1

SECRET

STATE	X	ARMY	X	NAVY	X	AIR	X	FBI		AEC					
-------	---	------	---	------	---	-----	---	-----	--	-----	--	--	--	--	--

(Note: Washington Distribution Indicated By "X"; Field Distribution By "#".)

25X1

25X1

SECRET [REDACTED]

- 2 -

Employees have their meals either in the canteen in the yard or in the yard dining room which is in the Litovel Hotel in Komarno.

5. Leading specialized positions are occupied by Czech engineers or Soviet specialists and standards are rather high. There are about 60 Soviet specialists, all of whom live in a hotel near the Small Bridge across the Danube. Most of them occupy so-called key positions.
6. The area of the new Skoda shipyards is guarded by the SSB and the yard militia. There is a guard present in the guardroom at all times which consists of two SSB men plus two militia members, and there is a constant SSB patrol along the fence. Members of the yard militia wear dark gray uniforms and are armed with pistols. Their guard duty is done mainly inside the buildings. During the first week of employment, each employee has to receive security schooling regarding behavior in the yard.

Old Skoda Shipyards

7. The old Skoda shipyards are located on the western side of the triangular peninsula between the tip of the peninsula and the two bridges. A wooden fence separates this yard from the main road. The main entrance to the yard is at the south. Only repairs to older ships for Czechoslovakia, Hungary and the USSR are done here.

Komarno Harbor

8. Komarno Harbor is located on the northern bank of the Danube River backwater and is about three kilometers long. There are five railroad tracks alongside it, one main mobile crane and several smaller cranes on either side of the main road leading to the bridge. There is a long storage shed on the bank of the backwater west of the road to the bridge. It is 20 by 300 meters in size and is divided into four halls, which are usually empty.
9. The switchman's house, which is 3 by 3 by 10 meters in size, is located on the east side of the road leading to the bridge; further east are the city baths, showers for the workers and a small storage building. Behind the latter building is a pile of coal. The main coal dump, however, is west of the road to the bridge and extends as far as the first storage shed.
10. The railroad bridge, which was destroyed during World War II, is not being repaired. The wreckage was cleared and the rails leading to it taken away.

25X1

[REDACTED] Comment: Other reports have indicated that the new Skoda shipyards have been designated the "Ottwald" Shipyards.

25X1

SECRET [REDACTED]

ANNEX A

Skoda Shipyards, Komarno

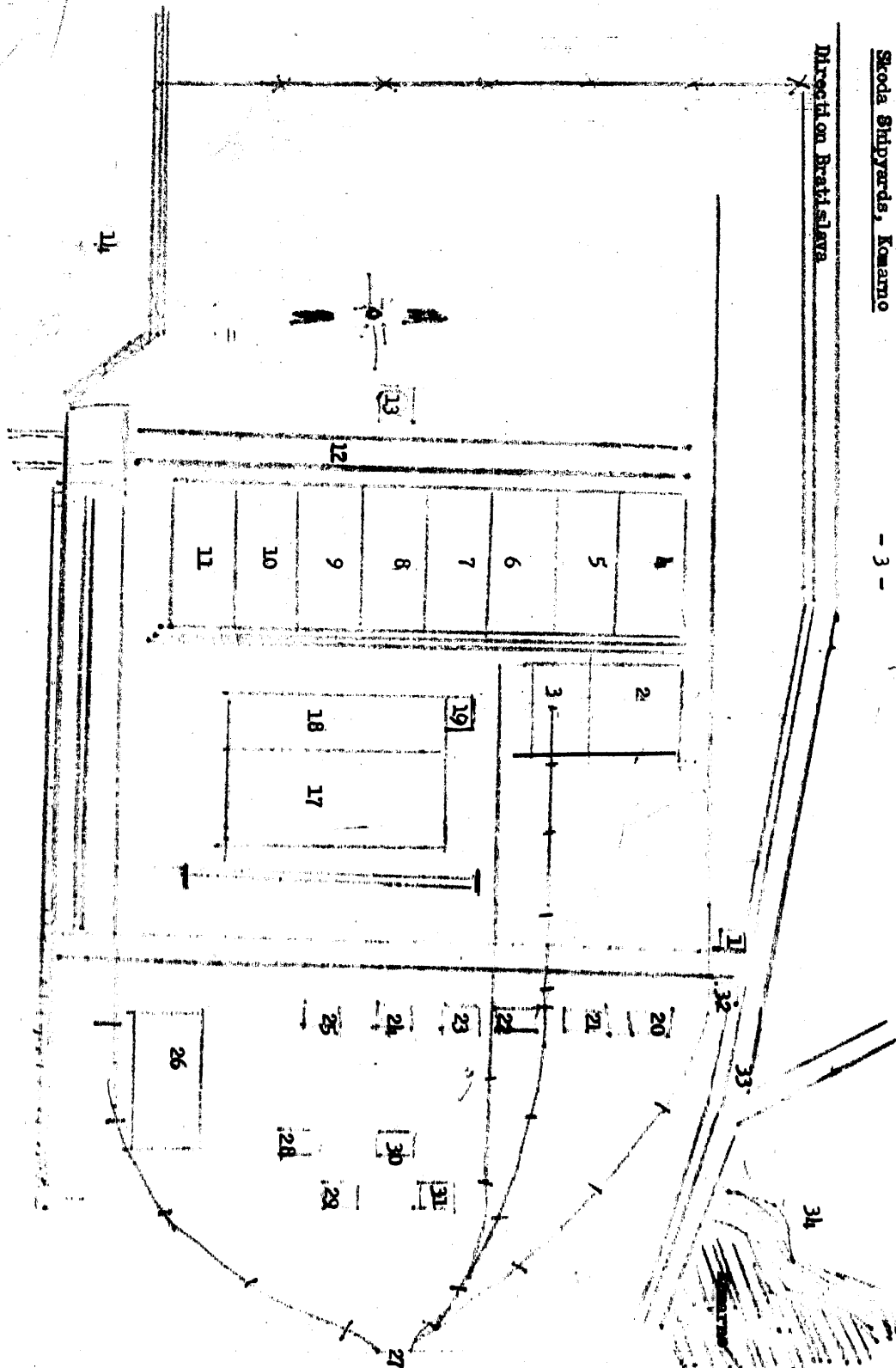
Direction Bratislava

SECRET

- 3 -

25X1

25X1



SECRET

25X1

25X1

25X1

SECRET

- 4 -

ANNEX B

1. Guard room.
- 2,3. Smithy and locksmith's shop, each fitted with a crane on the ceiling.
- 4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11. Docks, each with a mobile crane, on the ceiling.
12. Four or five shipways on which the ships are moved to the water line.
13. Capstan for pulling the ships out of the docks.
14. "Canal" (backwater of the Danube), 2.5 km. long.
15. Large crane.
16. Large crane.
17. Carpenter's shop.
18. Storage for engines and spares.
19. Covered entrance into storage buildings.
- 20, 21, 22, 23, 25. Offices in wooden huts.
24. Canteen.
26. Large air compressor (purpose unknown).
27. Rail spur.
- 28, 29, 30, 31. Unknown number of huts for accommodation of workmen.
32. Cigarette store.
33. Road to Kolarov (Guta)
34. Old city wall.
35. Large Ceiling-crane alongside all docks.

Note: Nos. 15, 16 and 35 do not appear on the sketch.

25X1

SECRET

25X1

25X1

SECRET

ANNEX C

- 5 -

Sketch of the old Skoda shipyardKomarnoKanalDambe

N

sketch of the Old Skoda 25X1
shipyard

- 1,2,3 Smithies
- 4 Electric plant
- 5 Entrance
- 6 Wooden fence
- 7 Large bridge
- 8 Small bridge
- I,II,III probably workshops

25X1

SECRET

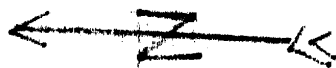
SECRET

- 6 -

Komarno harbor - rough sketch

1. Storage buildings
- 2-6. Rail spurs
- 7-9. Crane on both sides of road
8. Crane alongside the harbor
10. Pointsman's house
11. Town baths
12. Workmens baths
13. Storage buildings.
- 14,15. Coal heaps
16. Small bridge
17. Dead arm of Danube River

Sketch of the Komarno Harbor



25X1

SECRET